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Amendments to the Claims

Please amend the claims as follows:

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10: (ORIGINAL) A method for providing a transaction layer for a module having at least one node connected to a serial bus that configures a link device for each of said at least one nodes comprising:

detecting a link driver;

receiving capabilities of said link driver;

generating a link driver configuration for said link driver from said capabilities of said driver; and

loading said link driver configuration into said link driver.

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- 11. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 10 further comprising: querying said link driver for said capabilities.
- 12. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 11 further comprising: receiving said capabilities of said link driver from said link driver.
- 13. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 10 further comprising: storing said capabilities of said link driver.
- 14. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method of claim 13 wherein said step of storing said capabilities comprises:

generating a node in a linked list for said link driver; and storing said capabilities of said link driver in a data field of said node.

- 15. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 10 further comprising: receiving configuration information for said link driver.
- 16. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method of claim 15 wherein said step of generating said link driver configuration comprises:

generating said link driver configuration from said capabilities and said configuration information.

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17. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 15 further comprising: storing said configuration data.

18. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 17 further comprising:
generating a node in a linked list for said link driver; and
storing said configuration information of said link driver in a data field of said
node.

- 19. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 10 further comprising: receiving an input of user defined configuration data for said link driver.
- 20. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method of claim 19 wherein said step of generating said link driver configuration comprises:

generating said link driver configuration from said capabilities and said user defined configuration data.

21. (ORIGINAL) A program storage device readable by a machine, tangibly embodying a program of instructions executable by the machine to provide a transaction layer for a module having at least one node connected to a serial bus that configures a link device for each of said at least one nodes that performs a method comprising:

detecting a link driver;

receiving capabilities of said link driver;

generating a link driver configuration for said kink driver from said capabilities of said driver; and

loading said link driver configuration into said link driver.

22. (ORIGINAL) The program storage device of claim 21 wherein said method further comprises:

querying said link driver for said capabilities.

23. (ORIGINAL) The program storage device of claim 22 wherein said method further comprises:

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receiving said capabilities of said link driver from said link driver.

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24. (ORIGINAL) The program storage device of claim 21 wherein said method further comprises:

storing said capabilities of said link driver.

25. (ORIGINAL) The program storage device of claim 24 wherein said step of storing said capabilities comprises:

generating a node in a linked list for said link driver; and storing said capabilities of said link driver in a data field of said node.

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26. (ORIGINAL) The program storage device of claim 21 wherein said method further comprises:

receiving configuration information for said link driver.

27. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The program storage device of claim 26 wherein said step of generating said link driver configuration comprises:

generating said link driver configuration from said capabilities and said configuration information.

28. (ORIGINAL) The program storage device of claim 27 wherein said method further comprises:

storing said configuration data.

29. (ORIGINAL) The program storage device of claim 28 wherein said method further comprises:

generating a node in a linked list for said link driver; and storing said configuration information of said link driver in a data field of said node.

30. (ORIGINAL) The program storage device of claim 21 wherein said method further comprises:

receiving an input of user defined configuration data for said link driver.

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31. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The program storage device of claim 30 wherein said step of generating said link driver configuration comprises:

generating said link driver configuration from said capabilities and said user defined configuration data.